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from Iowa. Other cases contracted from this one. All cases are at the present time quarantined, and all precautions are being taken.

Respectfully,

U. O. B. WINGATE,  
*Secretary.*

REPORTS FROM THE MEXICAN BORDER.

*Eagle Pass, Tex., January 29, 1900.*—I have the honor to report that owing to the epidemics of smallpox now existing in Monclova, Torreon, and Durango, Mexico, the State health officer, Mr. Drake (collector), and myself have quarantined against these places. No one coming to this country is permitted entry unless sufficient proof can be produced to show that said party has not been in the above-enumerated towns for a period of ten days. Persons who can give evidence of successful vaccination, or immunity to smallpox, are permitted entry when neither they nor their baggage have been exposed to contamination. The baggage of persons immune to smallpox, when coming from infected localities, is disinfected here and entry is then permitted.

During the past week 20 persons were refused admission here who came by train, 15 refused admission on railroad bridge, and 30 were refused admission on the footbridge. All of these people came from infected districts.

Smallpox is doing a great deal of damage in Mexico at the present time. I get information every day to this effect.

I am expecting smallpox to break out across the river in C. P. Diaz, at any time. \* \* \* The chances are very much in favor of this disease being in C. P. Diaz at the present writing, but if it is I am not aware of it, though I ride all over the town daily in order to gain any information which might lead to the detection of cases.

Respectfully,

LEA HUME,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*El Paso, Tex., January 27, 1900.*—I have the honor to report summary of work during the week ended January 27, 1900: Inspection Mexican Central Railroad passengers, 120; inspection Mexican Central Railroad crew (freight trains), 22; inspection of immigrants, 21; inspection international bridge (bullfight days), 814; vaccination of immigrant children and other destitutes, 33; disinfection of baggage and household goods, 16; disinfection of soiled linen to be laundered at El Paso, 315 pieces.

Respectfully,

E. ALEXANDER,  
*Sanitary Inspector, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., January 25, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended January 20, 1900: Inspected passengers from Mexico on Mexican National Railroad, 255; immigrants inspected and allowed entry, 23; vaccinated during week reported, 10.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Laredo, Tex., January 25.*—United States Customs Inspector James Barnard, whom I had requested to examine the death register at Columbia, Mexico, reports as follows: "Have examined death register at Columbia, Mexico, from May, 1899, up to and including January 21, 1900, and find no deaths from smallpox reported. Can not hear of any smallpox at Columbia, Mexico. The Mexican with smallpox at Minera, Tex., was not a resident of Columbia, Mexico, but only passed through

there." From the precautions taken, I do not think there will be any spread from this case.

*Laredo, Tex., January 30, 1900.*—I have the honor to submit the following report for week ended January 20, 1900: Inspected on Mexican National Railroad, passengers, 219; immigrants, 21; vaccinated, 13. All allowed entry.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Typhus fever in Mexico.*

*LAREDO, TEX., January 31, 1900.*

SIR: On January 26 I wrote Bureau of the epidemic of typhus fever at Santa Maria, Mexico, 14 miles north of Saltillo, Mexico. I wrote Dr. Rice for information, and I inclose his reply which shows it was as I suspected.

Santa Maria has only a population of 350 to 400 inhabitants. The adjoining town, Ramos Arispe, has about 2,000, and I think it is also infected with typhus. There are also some cases at Saltillo, Mexico.

Respectfully,

H. J. HAMILTON,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

[Inclosure.]

*SALTILLO, COAHUILA, January 30, 1900.*

SIR: In reply to your communication of January 26, will say that it is quite true that typhus fever has been and is still prevailing. I had 24 cases at Santa Maria, and on the 2d of this month I came down with it myself, was moved to Saltillo, and am now convalescent. Any further particulars you may desire can doubtless be obtained by addressing, in Spanish, Dr. Alcocer, Santa Maria, Ramos Arispe. He is a native of the ranch, and since the beginning of my illness has been looking after them. I have heard within the past few days that, altogether, counting my own case and those I attended and those who were attacked since, that there were 60, but of this, of course, I can not be sure. Dr. Alcocer can give you the latest details.

Respectfully,

CHAS. O. RICE, M. D.

Dr. H. J. HAMILTON.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, December 29, 1899, to February 9, 1900.*

[For reports received from June 30, to December 29, 1899, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS for December 29.]

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Alabama:				
Mobile .....	Jan. 2-Jan. 22...	6 .....	.....	
California:				
Los Angeles.....	Jan. 18.....	3 .....	.....	
Colorado:				
Arapahoe County.....	Jan. 7-Jan. 29...	5 .....	.....	
Huerfano County .....	Dec. 29-Jan. 26...	6 .....	.....	
Lake County.....	Jan. 17.....	1 .....	.....	
Lincoln County.....	Dec. 15-Jan. 1...	2 .....	.....	
Saguache County.....	Dec. 28.....	1 .....	.....	
Total for State .....		15 .....	.....	
District of Columbia:				
Washington...	Jan. 12-Jan. 29...	5 .....	.....	
Florida:				
Jacksonville .....	Jan. 7-Jan. 27...	5 .....	.....	
Pensacola.....	Jan. 16.....	1 .....	.....	
Total for State.....		6 .....	.....	